Suspensed behind the wheat she lapsed quite suddenly against the work beach, but recovered herself a mementafter, leaning with her back egainst it, her hands grasping it on either side and her knit brows and determined little free turned toward the road. Then she stood erect again, shook the dust out of her skirts lifted her yell, wiped her cheeks and brow with the corner of a small handkerchief and began walking up and down the length of the shed as Bent reappeared.

He was accompanied by the man who had first led her through the wheat. He gazed opon her with apparently all the curiosity and concern that the other had incked You want to get to San Jose as quick

ns you can!" he said interrogatively.
"Yes," she said, quickly, "if you can

help me."
"You walked all the way from the major's here?" he went on, without taking his eyes from her face.

Yes," she answered, with an affectation of carelessness she had not shown to Bent, "But I started very early—it was cool and pigasent and didn't mem for."
"I'll put you down in Sau Jose inside the

hour. You shall have my horse and trot-ting sulky and I'll drive you myself. Will She looked at him wonderingly, She had not forgotton his previous restraingravity, but now his face seemed to have relaxed with some humorous satis-faction. She felt herself coloring slightly,

ont whather with shame or relief she could "I shall be so much obliged to you." she repiled hesitatingly, "and so will my fath-

"I reckou," said the man, with the same look of ancered conjecture. Then, with a patch assuring and, he turned away and You're all right now, Miss Mallory,"

said hous complicently. 'Deveson will fix it. He's got a good house, and he's a good driver, too." He paused, and then maded pleasanchy, "I suppose they're all well up at the hous

It was so evident that his remets earnied ne personal menning to berself was colled to answer carclessly, "Oh,

never conceived possible to his nature. certain boyish enthusiasm which she had

"Yes," she rapided a little dealy. "She is the only journe lady there." She stopped, remembering Adele's unive description of the man before her, and said

the rathe becausell up of in that new well that the cartingrake itself has such " It becomes to her now that she under-

missisken in his estimate of Alele. She turnel sway a little imputently and looked turned sways little impattently and booked you have it to me, and don't you say any increase you wand the point where Dawson thing to him of this now. If he's at the Louis appeared their tellowed her eyes, hotel Fil say I draws you down to show off the life is now in a moreover, Miss Mail the mare. Substiff he isn't I'll leave you hers. He has to drive sowly through the main, is the hear to whealt." He stopped and his vary true up its previous note of all right." He shared grants, lifted largets beginning "Hy the way. I'll be rains, the many started forward starte. the—major. Have you my message for in a vanishing dust cloud. Mrs. Randolphe-or for—Miss. Adolo?

"No." said Rose hestianingly, "and"—
"I soe." Interrupted Bent, canelessly.
"You don't want mything said about your

coming here. I won'th' meaning to the suggestion. But before the court make any reply have an requestred, drawing a handsome mare, hardened to a floor spater him vehicle. He had also as served, evidently in great hastern black frock coat, burnioud over his wang received and cravations which, and a tall black had that already second to be cracking in the strength. He directs up, at once seelsted ber to the narrow perch beside him and with a non-ro-lient draws off. Has breath-

these young people of any commonly
A suppose, sold Mr. Dawson, giving a
half globes over his shoulder as they
street into the draw highway— I suppose shou't cure to see anybody before you

"No-cook and Reastimedly." And I recken you wouldn't mind my

Partitle but if any body keen up?"

The murch sort of districtions about

"Is she!" said Rose, with a faint smile.
"Awint," responded her companion.
"And the queerest thing of all, she can't bear to have any one begind her either."

He beared forward with his expression

of humanus emormin of some latent lake and did something with the rein-Rose must condition to the first the same of the condition of the condition of the dusty states of wheat on these same of the dusty states of wheat on condition and of the dusty states of wheat on conditions and of the dusty states of wheat on conditions and of the dusty states of wheat on conditions and of the dusty states are conditions. track began to melt into each other, and then supposed like a flush into one long, con-tinuous shimmering green he ign. So per-fect was the mare's assism that the girl

fort; so harmonious the whole movement that the light skeleton wagon seemed only a prolonged process of that long, slim body and free, collariess next, both straight as the thin shafts on each side, and straighter than the delicate ribbonillas traces which, in what seemed a mere affectation of con-scious power, hung at times almost limp between the whiffietree and the narrow breast band, that was all that confined the animal's powerful forequerrers. So su-perb was the reach of its long, easy stride that Ross could scarcely see any undulation in the brown shining back, on which she could have pinced her foot, nor felt the soft beat of the d - are hoofs that took the

soft beat of the d —ate hoofs that took the dust so firmly and yet so lightly. The rapidity of motion which kept them both with heads bent forward, and seemed to force back any ulterance that rose to their lips, spared Rose the obligation of conversation, and her companion was equally reticent. But it was evident to her that he half suspected sho was running neary from the Randolphis, and that she wished to avoid the embarrassment of be-ing overtaken even in persuasive pursuit. It was not possible that he knew the cause of her flight, and yet she could not account for his evident dusing to befriend her, nor above all for his apparently humorous en-orment of the situation.

Had be taken it gravely she might have been tempted to partly coulde in him and ask his advice. Was she doing right, after all? Ought she not to have stayed long enough to speak her mind to Mrs. Ran-double and domaind to be sens home? No She had not only shrunk from repeating the iniumous slander abe had overheard, but she had a terrible fear that if she had done so Mrs. Randolph was capable of denying it, or even charging her with being still under the induction of the earthquake shock and of walking in her sleep. Not She could not trust her—she deald trust no one there. Had not even the major its tened to those infamous her first she not seen that he was helpless in the hands of this cabal in his own household—a cathat that she herself had thoughtlessiy what I have to say to you," he returned coulty. ined against him? They had reached the first slight ascent,

Her companion draw out his wetch, looked you know who you are taking to?" Yes."
"I suppose you see a good deal of Miss sition of his hands on the reins. Without carryall, carelessly brushed as he is into a first hands on the reins. Without carryall, carelessly brushed as he is into a first hands on the reins. Without carryall, carelessly brushed as he is into a first hands on the reins. Without carryall, carelessly brushed as he is into a first hands on the reins. Without carryall, carelessly brushed as he is into a first hands on the reins. Without carryall, carelessly brushed as he is into a first hands on the reins. Without carryall, carelessly brushed as he is into a first hands on the reins. Without carryall, carelessly brushed as he is into a first hands on the reins. Without carryall, carelessly brushed as he is into a first hands on the reins. at it with satisfaction and conneed the perfoir they were studiening speed. Stu-turned toquiringly toward him. He nodded his head with a half sindle and a gest ure to her to look shead. The spires of San Jose were already faintly aplifting from the distant frings of only.

"Yes, I know who I'm talking to," he said coolly. But us the major don't, I recken you won't tell him. "Stand away from that horse," she said,

"The state period a little Cryst." She is to the lay young lady there." She stopped, it interests a mine of strighted, it is not before her, and said abruptly, "You know her then?"

"A little," replied the young man modestly. "I see her pretty eften when I due passing the upper and of the rame. She very well brought up, and her manners are very refined—ion? you thinkso?"——and you she her little, and the pretty of the manners are very refined—ion? you thinkso? ——and you she he little, and the pretty of the want on confidentially. "I mad although"—the where of the primary of her neithen and the power of the voice and thought shows how her here in the lattle of the primary of her neithen and the word in the lattle of the primary of her neithen and the manners of the primary of her neithen and the manners of the primary of her neithen and the modes of the primary of her neithen and the manners of the primary of her neithen and the modes of the primary of her neithen and the modes of the primary of her neithen and the primary of her neithen and the primary of her neithen and the modes of the primary of her neithen and the new of the neither the cause and the first him the head and the primary of her neithen and the primary of her neithen and the neither the primary of her neithen and the neither neither the cause of the head of the neither the primary of her neithen and the primary of her neithen and the neither neither the primary of her

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"The "best of the country of the cou

"You sent for my father: When-where," and flore in astunishment, "Yesterday. He was to come tuday, and

good his explanation perfectly, and she if we conclude the art the hetel it will be wondered the more that he had been so because he has already started to come here by the upper and longer read. But there and come back here to find him. got something facted him that will set you all right." The small grinds, lifted the gone up to the rander this afternion to see the vehicle and its necessarist disappeared



"He couldn't change your bland."

It was nearly moon when Mr. Dawson rished rubbing down his sweating more the little stable shed among the wheat He had left Hose at the hotel, for they found that Mr. Mallory had previously started by a chemitous route for the wheat ranch. He had recurred not only his working ciothes but his working expres-ator. He was now superintending the unnding of a wain of slows and implements: whose the light carryall of the Readolphs railed into the field. It contained only Mrs. Randolph and the driver. A slight look of intelligence passed between the latter and the nearest one of Dawson's companions, succeeded, however, by a dull look of stupid vacancy on the face of all the others, including Dawson. Mrs. Ran-delph noticed it and was forewarned. She reflected that no human beings ever looked naturally as stupid as that and were able was scarcely conscious of any increased of 1 to work. She smiled carcastically and I thought of her past life she was flying

then began with dry distinctness and nar-

rowing lips:
"Miss Mallery, a young lady visiting us went out for an early walk this morning and has not returned. It is possible she may have lost her way among your wheat.

Have you seen anything of her?"

Dawson raised his eyes from his work and glanced slowly around at his com-panions as if taking the heavy scene of the assembly. One or two shook their heads mechanically and returned to their suspended labor. He said coolly:

"Nobody here seems to." She felt that they were lying. She was only a woman against five men; she was only a petty domestic tyrant. She might have been a larger one, but she had all the

urage of that possibility.
"Maj Randolph and my son are away. she went on, drawing herseif erect. "But I know that the major will pay liberally if these men will search the field, besides making it all right with your employers

for the loss of time." Dawson uttered a single word in a low voice to the man nearest him, who appar ently communicated it to the others, for the four men stopped unloading and moves away one after the other, even the driver joining in the exedus. Mrs. Handolph smiled surcastically, it was plain that these ople with all their boasted independence were quite amenable to pecuniary considerations. Nevertheless, as Dawson remained booking quickly at her, she said: Then I suppose they've concluded to go

No, I've sent them away so that they couldn't hear

"Hear what?

"What I've got to say to you." She looked at him suddenly. Then she said with a disdainful glance around her

Her lips were nearly a gravish line, but

ahe said scornfully: "And why not! Do The man came lazily forward to the enryall, carclessly brushed aside the slack

looked up in the woman's face.
"Yes, I know who I'm talking to," he

rupture of the whole strate all the way from . That's the consequence impared the theorem were point that the impared the ways is sure to find and that's the consequence in the charge of the charge of the consequence in the charge of the charge of the consequence in the charge of a stronk of the tar brush when they see it They took your measure when they came here last year and sized you up fairly. So had I, for the matter of that, when I first saw you. And we compared notes. But the major is a square man, for all he is your husband and we reckoned he had a big enough contract on his hands to take, ear of you and L'Hommadieu's half breeds, and so"-he tossed the reins contempt ly aside-"we kept this to ourselves."

And now you want what, ch "We want an end to this foolery," he broke out roughly, stepping back from the vehicle and facing her suddenly with his first amony gosture. "We want an end to these are and grimmes and all this 'dandy ingger business. We want an end to this 'cake walking' through the wheat and floating of the honest labor of your betters We want you and your 'de Fontages' to climb down! And we want an end to this topin' in of white folks to suit your little We want an end to your trying to mix your nigger blood with any one here and we intend to stop it. We draw the line at the major.

Lushed as she had been by those words. apparently out of all semblance of her for mer social arrogance, a lower and more stubborn resistance teemed to have aprung up in her as she sat sideways watching him with her set smile and contracting eyes.

she said dryly, "so she is here. thought so. Which of you is it, sh! It's a good spee: Mallory's a rich man. She's not particular."

The man had stopped as if listening, his head turned toward the road. Then he turned carelessly and facing her again waved his hand with a gesture of tired dis missal and said: "Wo! You'll find you! driver over there by the tool shed. He has heard nothing yet, but I've given you fair warning. Gr

He walked slowly back toward the shed as the woman, snatching up the reins drove violently off in the direction where the men had disappeared. But she turned aside, ignoring her waiting driver in her wild and reckless abandonment of all her old conventional attitudes, and lashing her horse forward with the same set smile on her face, the same odd relaxation of figure and the same squaring of her elbows

Avoiding the main road she pushed into a narrow track that intersected another nearer the scene of the accident to Rose's luggy three weeks before. She had nearly passed it when she was hailed by a strange yours, and looking up perceived a horseman doundaring in the maxes of the wheat to one side of the track. Whatever mean

from, whatever mean purpose she was it ng to, she pulled up suddenly and as suc enly resumed her creet, aggressive stiff-ess. The stranger was a middle aged man, a dress and appearance a dweller of cities to lifted his hat as he perceived the occur

ant of the wagon to be a lady.
"I beg your pardon, but I fear I've lost ny way in trying to make a short cut to he Excelsior company's rancho." You are in it now," said Mrs. Randolph

Thank you, but where can I find the

"There is none," she returned with her old supercitiousness, "unless you choose to give that name to the shantles and sheds here the laborers and servants live, near

The stranger looked puzzled. 'T m look ag for a Mr. Dawson," he said reflectively, "but I may have made some mistake. Do non know Maj. Handolph's house here-

'I do. # am Mrs. Randolph," she said

The stranger's brow cleared, and he smiled pleasantly. "Then this is a form mate meeting," he said, raising his hat again as he rejued in his horse beside the wagon, "for I am Mr. Mallory, and I was looking forward to the pleasure of presentng myself to you an hour or two The fact is, an old acquaintance, Mr. Dawon, telegraphed me yesterday to meet him are on organ business, and I felt obliged

o go there first." Mrs. Randolph'a eyes sparkled with a sudden gratified intelligence, but her man-ser seemed rath - to increase than abate

is grim precision.

Our meeting this morning, Mr. Malory, is both fortunate and unfortunate or I regret to say that your daughter, who ns not been quite berseif since the earth pasks, was missing this morning and has not yet been found—though we have earched everywhere. Understand me," he said, as the stranger started, "I have o fear for her personal safety—I am only occurred for any indiscretion that she may exemult in the presence of these trangers, whose company she seems to prefer to ours."

"But I don't understand you, madam," said Mailory sternly. "You are speaking of my daughter and"—

"Excuse me, Mr. Mallory," said Mrs. Randolph, lifting her hand with her dryst deprecation and her most desicuating mile, "I'm not passing judgment or critcism. I am of a foreign race, and conse-mently do not understand the freedom of American young ladits and their familarity with the opposite sen. I make no harges, I only wish to assure you that she will no doubt be found in the company and order the protection of her own country-There is," she mided, with fromis stinciness, "a young mechanic-or field and, or quack well doctor, whom she

and, or quack well doctor, whom she apcens to admire, and with whom she apcens to a first on equal terms."
Mallory regarded her for a nomeral fix
elly, and then his stemmes relaxed to a
mechacously complaced smile. "But
rest be young Bout, of whom I ve heard."
which will similated cheeffulness. "And
com's know but, what she may be with
mustler all. For, now I thank of it, a
hardle headed fellow of whom a moment
go I impured the way to your house told. I highired the way to your house taid etter ask the young manual young coman who were philandering through he wheat conder. Suppose we look for look. From what I we heard of best he's so much wrapped up in his inventions or nict when, but it would be a good fold

o stumble upon them."
Sirs. Randolph's eyes sparkled with a othering of gratinal make and units passed contempt for the fallous father be allelier. The before see could accept of a thir the coullenge is had become useless. nutringer of youthful votes struck he ir, and she suddenly stood upright and consized in the carriage, for lounging was slowly toward there out of the die orn make of the arbored wheat, lost is ir sociusion, came the engineer, Thomas in, and on his arm, gazing ingeniously this face, the figure of Adele, her own ner daughter.

'i don't think, my dear," said Mr. Mal y, as the auxious Rose flew into hiis on his return to Sau Jose a few hour That it will be necessary for you to k again to Mal, Kandolph's before leave. I have said 'good-by' for you chambed them, and your tranks are ked and will be sent here. The fact is dear, you see this ulfair of the earth as and the disaster to the artesian wel open oil their arrangements, and I afraid that my little girl would be

in their way just now typis have som Mr. Dawson, and t know why he sent for you?" asked the

sing girl with nervous eagerness. "Alt, yes," said Mr. Mallery thoughtful at was really important. You see sald," he continued taking her han one of his own and patting the back of cently with the other, "we think, Daw a and I, of taking over the major's ranch improporating it with the Excelsion, to ed in shares like the Excelsior, and Mrs. Randolph is very anxious to return the Atlantic states with her children it unite possible. Mrs. Randolph, as you be possibly noticed," Mr. Mailory went still patting his daughter's hand, "doe feel entirely at home here, and will sequently leave the major free to rear lige by himself the rancho on the nev

In fact, as the change must be made fore the crops come in, she talks of going ant week. But if you like the place, Rose was doubt the major and Dawson wil ways find room for you and me when we in down there for a little fresh air." And did you have all that in your mind.

pa, when you came down here! And that what you and Mr. Dawson want to talk about?" said the astonished Mainly, my dear, mainly. You see, I'm

ital is to know how and when to apply o certain conditions And this Mr. - Mr. - Bent-de you think

will go on and find the water-papa? 'Ah, Bent! Tom Bent! Oh, yes," said

Mallory with great heartiness. oil fellow, Bent' and mighty ingenious, bad you met him! Well'-thoughtfully it still heartly "he may not find it ex-city where he expected, but he'll find it, something better. We can't part with im, and he's promised Dawson to stay Ye'll utilize him, you may be sure "

it would seem that they did. And from criain interviews and conversations that ook place between Mr. Bent and Miss Mallory on a later visit it would also apcar that her father had exercised a disrest reticence in regard to a certain exeriment of the young inventor of which he had been an accidental witness.

At the Opera.

"Jove, Henry, see that woman up in that box."
"Phew! She'd never be arrested for concealed arms."-Epoch.

THE JOYS OF LEADERSHIP.

Some of the Things a Politician Is Called

Upon to Do.
"It wall well enough to have the hone and glory of being leader of your distal there is any honor and glory attached to it but when you come to analyze the manfold duties of the place you will discover that it's not so pleasant." The speaker was a typical Tammany district leader, one of the big chiefs of the wigwam, and a character who stands high up in the organization because of his ability to "car." ry" his district under the most trying ele cumstances.

The political district leader, as he is found here in New York, is a thing indig-enous to the metropolis. You find him nowhere else as he is here. He is an outgrowth of the old word boss. He is a pro-duct of the system of political organization that obtains here. The Tammany "lead er" is a peculiarly interesting type of this product. He is well known in his relation to the organization, and in a general way the public knows pretty well how he "runs" his district and manipulates the machine vote. But there is another side to his life that less is knownsabout and which is not

without interest.
"The district leader," said the Tammany man, "has more personal duties to perform for constituents then many persons have any idea of. He must be both father and mother to a portion of his flock. He ! called upon to perform almost all sorts of services for his constituents, and it is in doing these things that he gets much of the 'pull' upon which his individual political

strength is based.
"There are many persons in every n sembly district who look upon the district leader as the man who can help them out of all their troubles. Poor Mra Smith is all out of coal and food, and Mr. Brown who knows the leader, harries off to him and tells him of Mrs. Smith's stralt. The leader ascertains what he can about the case and then does his best to provide for her Very often he has to go down into his own pocket to do it, but that is part of his bu-liness. Then, again, Mrs. Smith has money to pay her rent and is about to be disposessed. If she can only secure a few days' more time in which to get the money to pay up she will be all right, and the the leader's influence is brought to bear on

"One of the leader's constituents disand leaves a will. The widow does no know what to do, and the leader is called on to sid her. Mrs. Smith's husband is arrested and is in sad ne'd of a bondsman Smith has many friends, and each friend has a vote, and the leader sees that the bond is procured and does what he can to pull Smith out of trouble. Sometimes it is Mrs. Smith who gets Mr Smith arrested Sauch has indulged lits pagalistic instin-to the detriment of Mrs. Smith's eye, bu erre, the poor man is a fine fellow and on day or two after the arrest Mrs. Smith alis upon the leader and implores him to la his best to get Smith out of the peni tentiary.

"I have lets of just such cases as these "Thave lots of just such cases as these every mouth. The people seem to regard the leader as a man who should know everything. These pour their domestic as well as their flame in the lites into his ears, and he is kept very basy trying to disenting at the troubles of others." All this time an army of men is basiling after him, and every man wants a sood lab. It can east just him this the real, is critically for most dispersions best bases that in the work in some private concern. The

ts work in some private concern. The derman of the district usually locks out r places among the city departments and es what he can for his district. One class of men very difficult to dis-

-vifts compact of some of fathers one to to lied to educate them. When to comes tions to see if we can't place there be em earn a living. The young hops always object to manual below. The re-chicated down too fine for that not be next of enough, to take places of respecsility, so I menally not them on the hors. pretty hard rows to hor after all." ve pretty hard rowate hos after all." Occupation is ann te pall apen ham, and he blow much does it cost to be Tammany grew decidedly fraction.

aden of a big district?"
"Well, I have often figured therout and I find that it cannot be done up right on much less that \$5,000 a year. That is what t costs the leader out of his own peaket."
"And where does the leader come in."
"On, he comes in all right. Don't worry

Leaves for Territe Purposes.

about him."-New York Times

For cordage and other textilo purpos numberiess leaves are used, and they servery personally for packing and wrapping up email parcels in India. In Guian Tibisiri fiber is obtained from the inner surface of the spiral leaves of the Ita pain. Mauricia flowcosa. It is used by the Indiana for making hammocks, etc. Ti leaves are our before they are open, and the midrib separated by drawing each di vision of the leaf through the finger at thumb. After drying the fiber is read; for usa without further preparation About a quarter of a pound may be pro-cured from each leaf, and if the centra leaf is left uninjured no cyli effect. Is pro-duced from the tree. Bags and matting could be easily and cheaply made from the iver, as well as buts similar to those known as Panama. - New York Telegram

Advice to Prospective Engravers.

We find in a horological exchange the following sound advice to persons learning be art of engraving: "There is no greater hindrance to progress in learning to en grave than in trying to cut with a badly set or a half-sharp graver. Such a practice speedly engenders some of the worse cells, 'constraint' and 'restraint' in the too of a graver, by which is meant the rest becomes stiffened, the easy motion the hand impaired and the ability ld a graver lightly materially crippled and thus the power to cut strokes clean rue and free is measurably destroyed.

An effective means of preventing the armishing of silverware by exposure to the air or from sulphur fumes liberated by is by painting it with a little soft rush dipped in alcohol in which some col

To Prevent Silver from Tarnishing.

odion has been discolved, says. The Decmior and Furnisher. The liquid dries in mediately, and forms a thin, transparen and absolutely invisible protection. It can so removed at any time by dipping the article in hot water. Herrings Multiply Rapidly.

A single pair of herrings, if allowed to reproduce undisturbed and multiply to wenty years, would, at the end of tha time, not only supply the whole world wit food, but would have become inconvenient lymumerous.-Chatter.

Longfellow's favorite gem was the roya amothyst; that deep, flashing purple the changes to ruby by an artificial light. The love was shared by the artist flunt, and the two were always looking for new speci mens of this stone.

THE CENTER OF THE WORLD.

Points on the Earth's Surface Claimed to He the Termini of the Globo's Axis. For several centuries different cities in the Orient have contested with each other for the honor of being recognized as the mid spot of our planet. Onto recently a London geographer lasted an elaborate work in which he tries to prove the British metropolis to be the center of the landed hemispheres. Jarusaiom and Delphi, not-withstanding the fact that neither of them is situated on the equator, have for ages been the two great rivals in this mid spot discussion. William Simpson, of the London Society for Exploring Palestine, tells us that Herr Schick has sout home drawings of the Jerusalem center of the world.

It exists, of course, in the Greek Church of

the Holy Sepulaher, not in the Latin

church.

The spot is identified less by physical, science than by prophecy. It is written in the Palins, God is my king of old, work-ing salvation in the midst of the earth." This can only refer to the scenes of the passion and of the hely sepulcher, and the midst of the earth must therefore be found where the holy sepulater is considered to be by the Greeks. The belief that the cen-ter is there or thereabouts is ancient, furit centrs in a work by St. Ephreta, quoted by John Gresory in reference to Nonh's prayer. Here it. Ephnem says that Adam was buried 'in the middle of the earth. Homer calls Cipno's Island "the navel of the world, the center of all the case." In Æschylus a certain rough sto b in the temple of Delphits the "navel," or cancer of the carth, and here does Orestes take refuge when pursued by the Emmenides.

Pindar has anticipated Æsoliylus here, and after an era Pausanius (like Here Schick) had the pleasure of sening the only genuine central had at Delphi. "It is made," he says, "of white stone, smooth and pollshed, and is the iniddle point of the whole world." Delas, as well as Delphi, claims to be one of the sacred places perforated by the cartir's axle, and probably other cities in all ages, have looked upon their sacred places as deserving of the same distinction. There can be no closer analogy, however, than that which exists between the hall of stone in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher at Jerusalem and the round, white stone at Delphi.-St. Louis Republic.

Cure for Bachelors' Eccentricities.

Eccentric bach, lors, if you want to be cured of your oddition and become pollated Christians, marry You, sir, with the strucking gait, the pockets hands, the illtailored frame, just our off with a mean, smart little damed who has an eye for the picturesque, and lefore the honeymoon is over she will so transfering you that you will scarcely know yourself in the looking

gines. "Beauty and the Beau" is no fable, "Beauty and the Beast" is no fable. Many a "monster has been transformed into a gentlement by the new smantle institute of a postty woman. You, Sir Nington, whose talk is or double larrely and setters of dear shounds on the Adlie address or mose hunting in the canada wilds do you wish to be civilized and so civilized. Beattless you do. Then marry a true gentlewanter, and she will seek make you as grate and allocate a larrely as ever shared hely at half or eases. Even the miser may be won ir in his collect paged by a genterous which though it en paged by a generous veto, then it it must be consequed that of all it was the the creek of riches in the most all density

enauteur The her is that every a gard has helde is like a highlest allection has powed more or less and of his preparation. A good wife's advice is the time that he needs to bring his best countries over him sately and impuly over the sex of life-New York Lether.

His Only Beason.

A certain little boy who it only an event volyage was sure in a fault of left in beginning to each. At the close of the liftle

"Don't you want to go down stairs and take a supplieded his mother couldy.
"Been astropheded today," and the crossly.

"Siel, of sheeping.
"Run over to those little girls, then, and see thom cut out paper di

"Oh, I'm sick of girls and dolls" "There is a sailor splicing a rope. Why don't you go and watch him."

"Woll, it seems to me you're tired of everything on board."
These I am mamma. I've got every kind of sick but sensich, and the only reason. I'm not thred of you is that I used to know

you when we were on dry hand "- Youth's Companion.

Ulheracy of Nations. The countries of the illiterates in the varistates of licemania, Russia and Servia at the head of the list, with about 80 per cent. of the population unable to read or write. Of the Letin speaking races Spain heads the list with 48 per cent., France and Belgium having about to per cent. The illiterates in Hungary mamber to per cent. in Austria 30 per cent, and in Ireland 21. In England we find to per cent.: Holland, 16 per cent : United States (white population), 8 per cent., and Scotland, 7 per cent, un-able to read or write. When we come to the purely Teutonic states we find a marked reduction in the percentage of illiterates. The highest is in Switzerland, the in the whole German empire it is but I per cent. In Sweden, Denmark, Bayaria, Baden and Wartemburg there is not a single person ever 10 years of age unable to read and write,-St. Louis Republic.

A Cool Trapere Performer.

In Geneva, at a circus, a trapeze performs er. Mile Mathilde, astonished the natives every night by her performances will a youth of about 17 high up in the air. One evening this youth, by his own carelessness, slipped from the hands of the girl, who bung by her knees. A cry of horror arese from the audience, when she luckily enught him with her teeth by the embroid-ery over the breast of his tights. She pulled him up into a sitting position on the trapeze, then boxed his ears vigorously and made im go through the performance again-this time without fault.-Chi-

The Sixth Month in the Roman Year.

August, the sixth month in the Roman year, which began with March, was origi-nally styled Sextills, and received its present name from the Emperor Augustus on account of several of the most fortunate events of his life having occurred during this month.

The mearest relative living of the post Shakespeare is probably Thomas Hart, a resident of Australia, who is eighth in descrut from Shalesspripe's autor from It is a curious fact that there are no direct descendants of Napaleon, Wellington, Washington or Walter Scott.